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## C. A. ROBERSON GETS TEN YEAR SENTENCE

Bond Fixed at \$25,000 Pending Appeal. Bond to Be Submitted for Approval Last Week.

Ten years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth and payment of the costs in the case—\$7,800.

That was the sentence imposed on C. A. Roberson by U. S. District Judge Colin Neblett last Saturday following the conviction of Roberson in one case of obtaining money under false pretense in the sale of stock in the Cannon Ball Motor Co., and in the other by using the U. S. mails to defraud by mailing out letters, circulars and other literature to boost the sale of stock in the motor company.

Judge Neblett sentenced Roberson to five years in each case and states the sentence will not run concurrently. This will make a total of ten years in Leavenworth, but with good behavior the prisoner may get the sentence cut down one-sixth, or twenty months, leaving eight years and four months to serve. The defendant must pay the costs which are big.

### Denied New Trial.

Judge Neblett denied the application for a new trial made by Roberson's attorneys, W. A. Gillenwater and A. B. Renahan, and the case will be appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Neblett fixed Mr. Roberson's bond, pending appeal, at \$25,000.

### Bond Made.

The bond of \$25,000 has been made and forwarded to Santa Fe, according to Mr. Roberson's attorneys, and it is expected that it will be approved the latter part of the week and Mr. Roberson released pending the appeal of his case.

## MAY BE NECESSARY TO AMPUTATE LIMB

Word was received this week from T. M. Davenport, who recently went to Mayo Bros. Hospital, at Rochester, Minn. The communication states that it probably will be necessary to amputate Mr. Davenport's foot, and that the physicians are now waiting to determine just how much of the limb must be removed.

## CAR AND GARAGE BURNED

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the garage, a Jordan car, and out-buildings at the residence of W. F. Higgins, 120 North Ross, shortly after noon Friday. The car was insured for \$3,000, but the buildings carried no insurance.

A strong wind was blowing, and it was only through prompt work of the fire department that the residence was prevented from burning.

## BAPTIST HOSPITAL IS MAKING GOOD RECORD

Local Institution is Busy Taking Care of Patients From all Eastern New Mexico.

Caring for ninety-four patients from all over Eastern New Mexico, is the record of the Clovis Baptist Hospital in the three months that it has been open, according to Miss Hunter, nurse in charge.

The building now is practically completed, and is equipped to care for an additional number of patients in case of emergency.

Under the present plan, any physician is allowed to take patients to the hospital for operations and hospital care, and the institution fills a long felt want of the city and county.

### NEW COMMISSIONER.

Mr. J. A. LaRue has been appointed county commissioner in the Melrose district to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Dr. J. D. Lynch. Mr. LaRue is a substantial farmer in the Melrose district and will make a good commissioner.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Clyde Doyle, of Portales, who was operated on Thursday for appendicitis at the Clovis Baptist Hospital, is reported to be doing nicely.

## KIWANIS CLUB HAS BIG ATTENDANCE AT WEEKLY NOONDAY LUNCHEON

The attendance at the Kiwanis Club Wednesday luncheon was exceptionally good this week. Dr. A. L. Dillon acted as toastmaster in the absence of the president. S. A. Jones, cashier of the Citizens Bank, gave the oral boost of the day on banking. In an interesting talk Mr. Jones told how banking and banks had their origin. He also explained something of the banking systems of other countries as well as our own and closed with a few pointed statements about present financial conditions.

Rev. Brander, rector of the Episcopal church outlined a plan for community development, and taken all in all this week's luncheon was a most enjoyable one.

## HIGH SCHOOL WILL GIVE LUNCHEON FOR ROSWELL

A luncheon in honor of the visiting Roswell High School basketball team will be served in the domestic science rooms Friday. Members of the Clovis and Roswell teams and their coaches are the invited guests.

The luncheon will be served by domestic science students, under the direction of Mrs. Fayette Copeland, Jr., home economics teacher.

## AUTRY BROS. BUY TEXICO-FARWELL PAPER

Jas. A. and B. E. Autry, who have recently purchased the State Line Tribune at Farwell from the Magna Oil Co., were in Clovis Tuesday. Both these gentlemen are experienced newspaper men and should make a success of the Farwell paper.

## CUPID FALLS DOWN ON HIS JOB IN CLOVIS

It has been a dull week for the county clerk in the marriage license department, and he accuses cupid of falling down on the job, for only two couples have been married here in the past ten days.

Lawrence Buckett and Miss Thelma Moorhead, both of Milne Sand, N. M., were married Saturday by Judge J. P. Noble.

Maurice D. Paxton and Miss Marie Male, both of Clovis, were married Monday afternoon. Judge Noble performed the ceremony.

### MRS. HAMLIN DEAD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hamlin who lived in the west part of town, died last Sunday and was buried Monday at the Clovis cemetery. Mrs. Hamlin was 54 years of age and was survived by five sons and four daughters. The funeral service was conducted by Elder S. E. Thompson of the Brethren Church.

### RETURNS FROM MARKET.

Mrs. S. Grisamore, of Grisamore & Osborne, returned Friday from a trip to market points in the east.

Conditions are much better in the east, according to Mrs. Grisamore, and the recent money panic appears to be about over.

### MOVING THIS WEEK.

With practically all of the fixtures installed, the W. L. Luikart & Co. store is rapidly moving into its new home in the old Lyceum building on North Main Street. The building has been completely remodeled, new show windows put in, a heating system set up, and the interior has been redecorated. Moving will probably be completed within the next few days.

### RETURNS FROM SANTA FE

W. A. Gillenwater returned this week from Santa Fe where he has been for the past five weeks as attorney for C. A. Roberson in his case before the Federal Court. Mr. Gillenwater says Mr. Roberson's case has been appealed to the United States Circuit Court but that it will not likely be heard for a number of months.

### ELEVATOR CONTRACTOR HERE.

A. P. Roberts of Sabatha, Kansas, and his family have been in Clovis this week. Mr. Roberts had the contract for the erection of the new elevator for the Cramer Mill & Elevators Co., at this place, which has just been completed.

## CAPTAIN OF PLYMOUTH SCORES BIG SUCCESS

High School Comic Opera Received By Enthusiastic Crowds Both Afternoon and Evening.

A crowded house speaks louder than words in the praise of a stage production—and crowded houses greeted both afternoon and evening performances of "The Captain of Plymouth," given by the Clovis High School in the Lyceum Theatre last Tuesday.

The play, a comic opera founded on the "Courtship of Miles Standish," was interpreted by sixty trained voices under the direction of Miss Marie Fischer and many who were in the appreciative audience pronounced it the best high school production they had ever heard.

Mary Lillian Reagan, who played the part of the bewitching little Indian princess, Katonka, and Clarence Hobdy who played the part of the grouchy old Elder Brewster, showed that they possessed real dramatic talent, and each of the soloists drew applause from the crowd. Wendell Foreman, as Miles Standish, Marion Elliott, as John Alden, and Kathleen Love as Priscilla, deserve special mention; and Kent Hunt as Erasmus the right hand bower of the captain, kept the audience in an uproar with his cleverness. The audience also appreciated the sextette of Plymouth daisies and the sly, humorous part of Mercy, interpreted by Gertrude Hockenbuhl.

The Indian scenes were good, and the lighting effects added much to the play.

Miss Fischer deserves especial credit for the work of the choruses, and for the success of the play as a whole.

### BUYING NEW GOODS.

Roy E. Smith left the first of the week for New York where he will buy new goods for the Smith & Hyatt store. Mr. Smith will be gone for two or three weeks.

## WANT LOWER RATES ON GRAIN SHIPMENTS

D. W. Jones, Secretary of Clovis Chamber of Commerce Takes Statistics To Santa Fe.

D. W. Jones, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is in Santa Fe this week working in conjunction with the legislators from Curry County in getting a reduction in freight rates on grain on intrastate shipments. The present rate on a shipment of grain from Clovis to a point in the western part of the state is much greater than the rate on many interstate shipments, notwithstanding the fact that the railroad handles the intrastate shipment a less mileage. This is an injustice to the farmers of Eastern New Mexico. Mr. Jones went to Santa Fe with an armful of statistics showing how much grain was yet to be shipped from this county and this week a hearing was held before the corporation commission as well as a conference with Santa Fe railway officials and it is expected and hoped that this matter can be adjusted in a manner that will be more equitable to the farmer's interests.

## MISS KENDALL RETURNS FROM EASTERN MARKETS

Miss Lelia Kendall returned the first of the week from Chicago, St. Louis and New York where she and Mr. A. S. Veasey have been buying new goods for the Kendall Dry Goods Company. Mr. Veasey has not returned but will be back soon. Miss Kendall says financial conditions are greatly improved in the east and business is adjusting itself back to normal basis. By visiting the various markets, Miss Kendall says she found just the selection she desired in the way of new stocks for spring, and she also found that prices were rapidly becoming stable. "In all the trips I have made to market, we experienced the prettiest weather this time of year. The north has had no cold weather and very little snow."

# More Land to be Cultivated In Curry County During 1921

## FIRST GAME OF SEASON LOST TO ALBUQUERQUE

Clovis High School Basketball Team Comes Home With Small End of 22 to 19 Score.

Twenty-two to nineteen in favor of Albuquerque. That's the message that the local basketballers brought home, after their first defeat of the season at Albuquerque last Friday.

Albuquerque scored the first three points from a field basket and a free goal in the first few minutes of play and it looked to Albuquerque rooters as if it would be a walk-away for the home team. But moans and grumbles soon came from the crowd for Clovis stopped her opponent's onrush and began to score. Excelling in speed and passing, Clovis soon forged in the lead, the half ending 8 to 5 in their favor. In the second half Albuquerque came back and tied the score in the first eight minutes of play. Clovis then speeded up, drawing away from her opponent with a good margin, only to have the lead cut down again. With the score 15 to 14 in favor of Clovis, Albuquerque tried to break up the former's team work by running in her entire second team en masse but with almost disastrous results, for Clovis caged two field baskets in 3 minutes making the score 19 to 14. Having had a nice rest, the Albuquerque first team again went into the game and by a new burst of speed tied the score. With 3½ minutes left to play, Albuquerque made two field baskets, thus breaking the tie and winning the game; the Clovis five being beaten not by speed or superiority, but by the two Albuquerque quintets together with an unaccustomed slick dance floor.

Clovis was stated to have had the speediest team that Albuquerque had met this year. The entire Clovis team played in excellent form against heavy odds and deserves great commendation for its plucky fight.

The next game on the schedule will be played tomorrow evening, when the home team meets the Roswell High School five at the High School gymnasium. Although Clovis defeated Roswell by a substantial score in their first match, a good, fast game is assured.

Amarillo comes here February 18, and Plainview February 25.

## CURRY COUNTY VISITED BY BLIZZARD SUNDAY

A snow fall of 2½ inches was recorded during the blizzard which swept Curry County late Sunday night. This amount is equivalent to one-quarter of an inch of rain, and adds to the plentiful supply of moisture that has already insured Curry County farmers of another good crop year.

## AMERICAN LEGION GROWING.

The American Legion reached the ten thousand post mark January 10, when Foss Post, of Foss, Okla., was chartered in a membership campaign. A total of 10,044 was achieved the week ending January 21, which registered a gain of twenty posts. The departments of Illinois and Indiana led the lists the last two weeks. Extensive activity in establishing new posts is indicated from southern departments of the Legion. Georgia is in the midst of a strenuous campaign; Louisiana seeks 10,000 members before the next convention and Florida will start a drive for members soon.

## MOVING TO NEW LOCATION.

Mandell Clothing & Dry Goods Co. will finish moving this week into their new location in the J. C. McClelland building on North Main Street. New fixtures have been added and the store is well equipped throughout. A. Mandell, manager, is now in the eastern markets buying new spring goods for the store.

## FEDERATION WILL START DRIVE FOR MEMBERSHIP WITHIN SHORT TIME

"Every woman in Clovis, a member of the Clovis Federation of Women," is the slogan that has been adopted for the membership drive which will start within a short time, according to Mrs. E. R. Cassel, president of the organization.

The organization was formed for civic betterment and will continue its efforts for a cleaner and better city. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Cash Ramey on March 7th, and by that time the membership of the organization is expected to be greatly increased.

## TEXICO DEFEATS GRADY BY SCORE OF 17 TO 4

In a championship match, the Texico girls defeated the Grady girls in a fast basketball game at the High School gymnasium Saturday evening. Both sides played well, and it was a good game from start to finish.

The Pleasant Hill team was victorious over the Curry County teachers, the score being 42 to 12.

## CURRY LEGISLATORS ASK LOWER FREIGHT RATES

Hull and Nichols Introduce Memorial in Both Houses Showing Rate Differences.

State Senator J. R. Hull and Representative W. W. Nichols have introduced a memorial in the Senate and Legislature relative to reduction in freight rates on shipments within the state. Mr. Nichols writes that he feels sure that a reduction on intrastate shipments will be secured. Following is the memorial:

"Whereas, freight rates for the shipment of grain and hay from points in the eastern part of New Mexico to other points in the state are about forty per cent higher than the rates from points in surrounding Mexico, and,

"Whereas this discrimination prevents the movement of surplus grain crops of the eastern side of the state, to points on the western side where livestock interests are in need of said grain crops, and,

"Whereas, present freight rates are prohibitive of intrastate shipments to protect the farming interests of the State unless such freight rates can be placed on a competitive scale with the rates obtainable in other states to points in New Mexico,

"Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Legislature of the State of New Mexico respectfully memorializes and petitions the State Corporation Commission of the State of New Mexico to effect such negotiations with the railroads of the State as will bring about a reduction in rates on shipments of grain from points to points in the state, such as will make it possible for the grain raising interests to compete with grain shippers of other states, and thereby prevent a great exodus of livestock from the state to pastures in Texas and Arizona."

## ZINN MEMORIAL HELPS THE SOLDIERS

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 9.—The Senate has passed a joint memorial by Zinn, Democrat, of Quay County, asking that eighteen million acres of public domain, unreserved and unappropriated within the State of New Mexico, be donated to the State for division among the ex-service men and nurses in lots of 640 acres without other restriction than proof of honorable service in the army, navy or marine corps, or as a governmental or Red Cross nurse. The remaining balance would be sold in tracts of four sections, and receipts going to the common school fund.

## ANOTHER BUMPER CROP YEAR IS PREDICTED

Twenty-Five Per Cent More Land to be Under Cultivation During Coming Season.

Curry County, with a record-breaking crop year just closed is starting in for increased production next year, according to reports coming in from all parts of the county. It has been estimated that nearly four million bushels of grain of all kinds were produced in the county during 1920, and less than ten per cent of the tillable land of the county is under cultivation.

However, with the popularity of the tractor, breaking sod is a much faster job than it used to be, and "iron mules" are busy in every community, turning sod. Conservative estimates place the number of tractors in the county at more than 150, and it is safe to say that from 20 to 25 per cent more land will be under cultivation in 1921 than in any previous year.

With plenty of moisture already in the ground, and conditions ideal for another crop year, the grain production over the county for next year should be increased at least one-fourth.

## WESTERN UNION PUTS IN NEW EQUIPMENT

The local office of the Western Union has just finished installing a "quadplex set," according to W. H. Simon, manager. This new mechanism makes it possible to send and receive messages simultaneously over the same wire, and practically doubles the capacity of the local office. Work of installation was handled by Louis Focht and J. S. Smallhorn of Denver, and the set was installed at a cost of \$1,000.

## CITY DADS PLAN TO BUY ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

Several Bids Now Under Advisement Covering Both Oil and Steam Power Units.

The city council has had several meetings this week discussing various bids on the installation of new power equipment for the water and light plant.

Several bids have been received and the council now has these under advisement and there will be a meeting this evening to discuss the matter further. At this time, in all probability, a contract will be let. The city dads are considering both oil and steam equipment and there seems to be a question in the minds of the council as to just which bidders have the best proposition to offer the city.

### BAPTISTS CALL PASTOR

Rev. C. W. Stump of Henderson, Texas, has been called as pastor of the Baptist church at this place by the local congregation. Rev. Stump filled the pulpit at the church here recently and is an able preacher. He has been pastor at the Baptist church at Henderson for the past five years.

### TO WRITE UP CLOVIS.

Paul T. Vickers of the Amarillo Tribune was in Clovis Thursday. Mr. Vickers also spent two or three days at Portales and points in the valley. He is gathering material for an industrial write-up of Clovis and other points in Eastern New Mexico.

### VISITING MARKET POINTS.

Mrs. L. B. L. Osborne left Monday for markets in St. Louis and Chicago where she will buy new spring goods for her millinery store. She expects to return early next week.